

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph located at the top of the first page, under the title, with the following amended paragraph:

**Cross-References to Related Applications**

This application claims priority to: US Provisional patent application 60/227,795 filed August 25, 2000 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/178,823 filed 01/28/00, which are both currently still pending; this application is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: 09/174,891 filed 10/19/98, now U.S. Patent 6,133,492; co-pending application serial number 08/879,745, filed June 20, 1997, (which is a divisional of serial number 08/598,695, filed February 8, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,770,782); and is a continuation-in-part application of co-pending application serial numbers: 09/616,568 filed 7/14/00; 09/559,841 filed April 26, 2000, the contents of all which are expressly incorporated herein by reference.